

At page 1, in the paragraph inserted between lines 1 and 2 in the Preliminary Amendment, please replace the paragraph regarding related inventions (and the claim of priority) with:

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The present application is a divisional application based upon U.S. Patent Application 09/072,716, filed May 5, 1998, now U.S. Patent 6,012,883, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/045,742, filed May 6, 1997. The present application also is a continuation-in-part application based upon U.S. Patent Application 08/629,120, filed April 8, 1996, now U.S. Patent 5,746,553.

[Please amend the Abstract at pages 34 and 35 by substituting the following:]

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A method of manufacturing a composite uses a hybrid tool which serves both as a form on which constituent materials are applied for bonding or curing into a part in a desired configuration, and as a fixture for holding the bonded or cured materials in the originally applied position during subsequent machining of a peripheral edge of the part. The method includes fabricating a face sheet of composite material having a facing surface configured to the reverse of a desired shape of one surface of a part to be made on the tool. The materials for the part are applied on the face sheet, debulked, bonded or cured, and edge trimmed thereon, all while on the face sheet in the originally applied position.

Please cancel claims 29 and 32 - 35 without prejudice to Applicant pursuing them in one or more divisional applications.

REMARKS

Claims 17, 18, and 28 are pending in this application following this amendment, and should be in condition for allowance. Claims 29 and 32-35 are withdrawn from consideration, and now are cancelled.

Claims 17, 18 and 28 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-25 of U.S.